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ATMOSPHERICS

1. SINCE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY INDONESIA'S PRINT MEDIA HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY
PREOCCUPIED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA. IN ADDITION TO A NUMBER O
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EDITORIALS GENTLY SUGGESTING THERE SHOULD BE GREATER COMPLIANCE WITH
HUMAN RIGHTS CONCEPTS HERE, THE LEADING DAILIES HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE TO STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, STATEMENTS BY HUMAN RIGHTS
ADVOCATES AND WARNINGS TO COOL IT BY THE ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS AND
THE PRESIDENT, AND MOST RECENTLY THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS W
HIGH
TOOK PLACE DECEMBER 20.

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2. A NUMBER OF IPS HUMAN RIGHTS ITEMS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN PRESS
DURING THIS PERIOD INCLUDING "CARTER PROCLAIMS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY",
ARTHUR GOLDBERG'S "HUMAN RIGHTS-AN ISSUE FOR OUR TIMES",
MONDALE ON "HUMAN RIGHTS: NO BOUNDARIES", AND MITTLEMAN'S
"HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE AMERICAN POLITICAL HERITAGE".

3. SAMPLES OF EDITORIAL COMMENT FOLLOW: "KOMPAS" SUGGESTED THE

CAUSE FOR "UNEASINESS" EXISTING IN COUNTRY MIGHT BE FOUND IN LACK OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SPECIFICALLY OF "JUSTICE IN EXECUTION OF THE LAW". "SINAR HARAPAN" APPARENTLY PICKING UP FROM ARTHUR GOLDBERG'S STATEMENT ISSUED BY USIS SAID ALL INDONEISANS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE PEOPLES CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY, SHOULD FIND A "CHALLENGE IN FULLY OBSERVING "THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INDONESIAN CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES" (PANCASILA). "KOMPAS", COMMENTING ON STATEMENT MADE BY AMBASSADOR MASTERS WHEN PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS, SAID AMBASSADOR'S MENTION OF U.S. INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS WAS "CONSISTENT WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S BATTLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BOTH WITHIN THE U.S. AND ABROAD."

4. ON DECEMBER 15 THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED ITS COUNTER ATTACK AGAINST ANTI-GOVERNMENT STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AND MEETINGS HELD IN CONNECTION MOSLEM NEW YEAR WITH A STATEMENT BY THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND TOP MILITARY COMMANDERS DECLARING THAT ALTHOUGH "EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT AND IS FREE TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS,"THE ARMED FORCES WILL "TAKE FIRM ACTION AGAINST ANYONE WHO RESORTS TO ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL ERODE THE STANDING OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND WILL DISRUPT OR DETER THE HOLDING OF THE NEXT GENERAL SESSSION OF THE PEOPLES' CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY" (MPR-GROUP WHICH ELECTS PRESIDENT). THE NEXT DAY PRESIDENT SOEHARTO ADDED THAT CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOW ENTERED A STATE WHICH MIGHT "ENDANGER THE GENERAL SAFETY AND PUT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN JEOPARDY: AND THAT "THE ARMED FORCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL TAKE STERN MEASURES AGAINST THOSE GROUPS WHO ARE FOUND TO ENDANGER THE SUCESS OF THE MPR... OR TEMPT THE AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP."

5. MOST PAPERS GAVE FULL, FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO THE RELEASE OF THE 10,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS DECEMBER 20.

6 THE POST WILL CONTNUE TO PRESENT THE AMERICAN VIEWPOINT ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH VIGOR, RELYING PARTICULARLY ON IPS AND VTR MATERIAL TO DO SO. THERE CAN BE LITTLE QUESTION THAT AMERICAN ATTITUDE HAS EXERTED PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSUCRE ON THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. FURTHERMORE, BY STRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS, IN MEDIA OUTPUT, THE POST IS HELPING REFLECT FULLY PRESIDENT CARTER'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT AN IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE TIME IN DINESIAN-U.S. RELATIONS.

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PROGRAM.

7. USIS STAFFERS COVERED PRISONER RELEASE CEREMONIES ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR MASTERS HELD IN MEDAN DECEMBER 20 IN ORDER FILE ACCURATE USINFO REPORTS TO IBS AND IPS, AND TO RECORD ANY

REMARKS MADE BY AMBASSADOR. UNINFO WERE FILED FROM MEDAN
AND BY VOA CORRESPONDENT COREY IN JAKARTA.

8. ECON/COMMERICAL COUNSELOR AND PAO APPEARED AT MINISTRY
OF PLANNING (BAPPENAS FOR SHOWING OF VTR BY UNDER SECRETARY OF
STATE COOPER ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ALSO VTR BY
DR. KRUEGER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BOSWORTH ON U.S. POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES.
AUDIENCE CONSISTED OF DR. MOOY, DEPUTY TO MINISTER WIDJOJO,
AND TWELVE SENIOR STAFF AT BAPPENAS. PROGRAM LASTED THREE HOURS,
INCLUDING THE VTRS AND DISCUSSION LED BY DR. MOOY IN WHICH
ECON/COMMERICAL COUNSELOR AND PAO DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED BY
INDONESIANS. ATMOSPHERE OF DIALOGUE RAISED BY VTRS CARRIED
THROUGH DISCUSSION PERIOD WHICH IN OPINION DR. MOOY AND STAFF
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AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WAS VERY USEFUL IN CLARIFYING U.S.
AND INDONESIAN POSITIONS. ONE OF STAFF SUGGESTED FOLLOW UP
VTR ON SUBJECT OF ENERGY WHICH WAS IDENTIFIED BY DR. HASIBUAN OF
BAPPENAS STAFF AS SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO INDOONEISA.
SUGGEST IEA AND IMV COLABORATE ON PRODUCTION SUCH A VTR AFTER
PRESIDENT CARTER ENERGY BILL PASSES THROUGH CONGRESS. FOCUS
OF VTR COULD BE IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY BILL FOR DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND EXPECIALLY INDOONESIA. THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE TWO
VTRS MADE BY PROMINENT U.S. SPOKESMEN AS ABOVE PROMISES
ACCEPTANCE SIMILAR VTRS BY DISCRIMINATING AUDIENCE SUCH AS
POLICY MAKERS AT BAPPENAS. AT DR. MOOY'S REQUEST A CASSETTE
TAPE OF MR. COOPERS' S PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN TO DR. MOOY FOR
MINISTER WIDJOJO'S USE. AFTER VIEWING THE SECOND VTR, DR. MOOY
ALSO REQUESTED TAPE FOR MINISTER. POST FEELS THAT AS VTRS ARE
INCREASINGLY SHOWN AND ACCEPTED IN MINISTRIES AS THEY ARE NOW,
IT IS LIKELY THAT INCREASED USAGE CAN BE MADE AND POST IS
EXPLORING WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS
IN MINISTRIES OF TRADE AND MINES.
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